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HOUSE BILL NO. 759

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TRAFFIC: Revises the definition of "intersection"

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:1(26), relative to the traffic regulations; to revise the
3 definition of "intersection"; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 32:1(26) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §1. Definitions

7 When used in this Chapter, the following words and phrases have the
8 meaning ascribed to them in this Section, unless the context clearly indicates a
9 different meaning:

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11 (26) ~~"Intersection" means (a)~~ (a) "Intersection" means: The area embraced
12 within the prolongation or connection of the lateral curb lines, or, if none, then the
13 lateral boundary lines of the roadways of two highways which join one another at,
14 or approximately at, right angles, or the area within which vehicles traveling upon
15 different highways joining at any other angle may come in conflict.

16 (b) Where a highway includes two highways thirty feet or more apart, then
17 every crossing of each highway of such divided highway by an intersecting highway
18 shall be regarded as a separate intersection. In the event such intersecting highway
19 also includes two highways thirty feet or more apart, then every crossing of two
20 highways of such highways shall be regarded as a separate intersection.

(c) The junction of an alley or driveway with a street or highway shall not constitute an intersection unless the roadway or highway at said junction is controlled by a traffic control device.

(d)(i) Where a highway includes a stop line, yield line, or crosswalk that has not been designated on the roadway within the median between the separate intersections, the two intersections and the roadway median between them shall be considered as one intersection.

(ii) Where a highway with a stop line, yield line, or crosswalk is designated on the roadway on the intersection approach, the area within the crosswalk or beyond the designated stop line or yield line shall be part of the intersection.

(iii) Where a crosswalk is designated on a roadway on the departure from the intersection, the intersection shall include the area extending to the far side of such crosswalk.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Revises the definition of "intersection".

Present law provides that intersection shall have the following meaning:

- (1) The area embraced within the lateral curb lines, or, if none, the lateral boundary lines of the roadways of two highways which join one another at right angles, or the area within which vehicles travel upon different highways joining at any angle that may come in conflict.
- (2) A highway which includes two highways 30 feet or more apart, then every crossing of each highway of a divided highway by an intersecting highway shall be regarded

as a separate intersection. In the event such intersecting highway also includes two highways 30 feet or more apart, then every crossing of two highways of such highways shall be regarded as a separate intersection.

Present law provides that the junction of an alley with a street or highway shall not constitute an intersection.

Proposed law retains present law but adds the junction of a driveway under proposed law provisions with a street or highway shall not constitute an intersection unless the roadway or highway at the junction is controlled by a traffic control device.

Proposed law revises the definition of "intersection" as follows:

- (1) Where a highway with a stop line, yield line, or crosswalk that has not been designated on the roadway within the median between the separate intersections, the two intersections and the roadway median shall be considered as one intersection.
- (2) Where a highway with stop line, yield line, or crosswalk is designated on the roadway on the intersection approach, the area within the crosswalk or beyond the designated stop line or yield line shall be part of the intersection.
- (3) Where a crosswalk is designated on a roadway on the departure from the intersection, the intersection shall include the area extending to the far side of such crosswalk.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 32:1(26))